

IN THE CLAIMS

1-28. (Cancelled)

29. (Previously presented) A semiconductor device comprising:

a semiconductor substrate having a low voltage region and a high voltage region;

a first trench region formed in the low voltage region to define a first active region having a top surface, the first active region having a protruded edge portion that extends above the top surface;

a first sloped region interposed between the first trench region and the first active region, the first sloped region having a first incline that is downwardly extended from the protruded edge portion of the first active region;

a second trench region formed in the high voltage region to define a second active region, the second active region having a relatively flat top surface;

a second sloped region interposed between the second active region and the second trench region, the second sloped region having a second incline that is downwardly extended from the edge corner of the second active region;

a first isolation layer filling the first trench region and covering the first incline;

a second isolation layer filling the second trench region and covering the second incline;

a low voltage gate insulation layer formed on the first active region, the low voltage gate insulation layer having a top surface lower than a top surface of the first isolation layer; and

a high voltage gate insulation layer formed on the second active region, the high voltage gate insulation layer having a flat top surface lower than a top surface of the second isolation layer and being thicker than the low voltage gate insulation layer.

30. (Previously presented) The semiconductor device of claim 29, wherein the low voltage gate insulation layer on the protruded edge surface of the first active region is thinner than the low voltage gate insulation layer on a central region of the first active region.

31. (Original) The semiconductor device of claim 29, wherein a vertical axis passing through the edge of the top surface of the low voltage gate insulation layer is located in the first sloped region.

32. (Previously presented) The semiconductor device of claim 33, wherein a distance between an upper corner of the first trench region and a lower corner of the low voltage gate electrode is greater than the thickness of the low voltage gate insulation layer.

33. (Original) The semiconductor device of claim 29, further comprising:
a low voltage gate electrode formed on the low voltage gate insulation layer and disposed to cross over the first active region; and
a high voltage gate electrode formed on the high voltage gate insulation layer and disposed to cross over the second active region.

34. (Original) The semiconductor device of claim 29, wherein the low voltage region is a memory cell region.

35. (Original) The semiconductor device of claim 34, wherein the low voltage gate insulation layer is a tunnel oxide layer.

36. (Original) The semiconductor device of claim 35, further comprising:
a control gate electrode formed over the tunnel oxide layer and disposed to cross over the first active region;
a floating gate interposed between the control gate electrode and the tunnel oxide layer;
an inter-gate dielectric layer interposed between the floating gate and the control gate electrode;
a main gate electrode formed on the high voltage gate insulation layer and disposed to cross over the second active region; and
a dummy gate electrode stacked on the main gate electrode.

37. (Cancelled)

38. (Cancelled)